

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Michael A MALCOLM et al.) Examiner: Dang, Hung Q.
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In the Office Action mailed December 13, 2007 the Examiner has stated that the present Application contains two distinct inventions. As such, the Examiner has required Applicants to elect a single invention for prosecution on the merits. Specifically, the Examiner has required Applicants to elect between a first invention, (Invention I recited in Claims 1-61 and 63-75) and a second invention (Invention II recited in Claims 76-77 and 79-102). The present Office Action indicates that inventions I and II are related as process and apparatus for its practice. Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2; applicants' remarks begin on page 25.